etc., rise in the cost of transport, rise in the cost of utilities, depreciation of the Indian rupee against dollar etc.

(b) Government have recently announced the "Pharmaceutical Policy-2002". The main objectives of this Policy are, *inter-alia*, ensuring abundant availability at reasonable prices within the country of good quality essential pharmaceuticals of mass consumption and strengthening the indigenous capability for cost effective quality production.

**Availability of medicines at reasonable price**

3354. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1354, given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th March, 2002 and state the composition of the high power Committee to look into the pricing and availability of medicines at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): The composition of the Drug Price Control Review Committee is given in the enclosed Statement.

***Statement***

*Composition of the Drug Price Control Review Committee*

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| 1. | Secretary, Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals | Chairman |
| 2. | Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & F.W. | Member |
| 3. | Dr. D.B. Gupta | Member |
| 4. | Dr. H. Khorakiwala | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Rakesh Mohan | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Amit Mitra | Member |
| 7. | Joint Secretary (PI) | Member |
| 8. | Chairman, NPPA | Member |
| 9. | Drug Controller General of India | Member |
| 10. | Dr. Mira Shiva | Member |
| 11. | OSD, Deptt. of C&PC | Convenor / Member |